

**Substitute for HOUSE BILL No. 2226**

By Committee on Appropriations

3-16

10 AN ACT concerning the department of wildlife and parks; prescribing  
11 certain procedures for acquisition of land by such department.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (f) of  
15 K.S.A. 32-807, and amendments thereto, or any other provisions of law  
16 to the contrary, the secretary of wildlife and parks shall not acquire any  
17 land unless:

18 (1) The secretary of wildlife and parks has certified that the land  
19 proposed to be acquired is in compliance with the provisions of article  
20 13 of chapter 2 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments  
21 thereto, concerning control and management of noxious weeds after con-  
22 sultation with the county weed supervisor and has developed a written  
23 plan for controlling and managing noxious weeds on the land to be  
24 acquired;

25 (2) the secretary of wildlife and parks shall agree to make payment  
26 of moneys in lieu of taxes comparable to the ad valorem tax payments of  
27 surrounding lands for any land acquired which is exempt from the pay-  
28 ment of ad valorem taxes under the laws of the state of Kansas; and

29 (3) the secretary of wildlife and parks has developed a management  
30 plan for the property proposed to be acquired, including five-year cost  
31 estimates for annual operating expenditures, capital improvement ex-  
32 penditures and staffing requirements.

33 (b) In addition to the requirements prescribed by this section and  
34 otherwise by law, any proposed acquisition of a tract or tracts of land  
35 which are greater than 480 acres in the aggregate shall be subject to  
36 approval by act of the legislature, either as a provision in an appropriation  
37 act pertaining to the specific property to be acquired or by any other act  
38 of the legislature that approves the acquisition of the specific property  
39 proposed to be acquired.

40 **[(c) In addition to the requirements prescribed by this section**  
41 **and otherwise by law, the proposed acquisition of a tract or tracts**  
42 **of land which are greater than 480 acres in the aggregate may be**  
43 **subject to a protest petition. The governing body of a city or county**

1 **shall be required to submit the question of whether the secretary**  
2 **of wildlife and parks may acquire such land over 480 acres upon**  
3 **submission of a petition signed by electors of such city or county**  
4 **equal in number to not less than 5% of the electors of such city or**  
5 **county who voted at the last general election prior to the submitt-**  
6 **ance of the petition. If a majority of the electors voting thereon at**  
7 **such election fail to approve the proposition then the secretary of**  
8 **wildlife and parks shall not acquire such land. The sufficiency of**  
9 **the number of signers of any petition filed under this section shall**  
10 **be determined by the county election officer.]**

11     Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
12 publication in the statute book.